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Rumors are circulating among high-ranking functionaries of the eastern-zone CDU that the East German government will proclaim the introduction of universal military service (Wehrpflicht) during the week 11-17 April 1955. A special session of the Volkskammer will allegedly be called for this purpose. 25X1

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a defense ministry was secretly established on 1 November 1954, but a vigorous struggle was in process over the choice of the minister and of the supreme commander of the armed forces. 25X1

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